

Reentry Council Meeting Minutes July 18, 2014

- Planning Committee:
 - Continuing to work on the upcoming Reentry Summit.
 - The summit will have 4 breakout sessions that everyone will be able to attend. See attachment with flyer! Registration will close very soon.
 - For more information on how to register, please email: janice.roach@norfolk.gov
- Regional Employment Committee
 - Planning the upcoming Hampton Roads Equal Opportunity Job Fair that will be on Aug 28th.
 - Update on EEOC Enforcement Guidelines presentations
 - Presented EEOC's "Best Practices in using Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions" at the Virginia Employment Commission's Employer Action Committee meeting; several employers requested more information.
- Juvenile Reentry
 - Committee members interested in working on projects related to the juvenile reentry community should contact: theresa.mcbride@djj.virginia.gov
- Presentation: "Revive My Vote"
 - There have been some changes in the [restoration of rights process](#).
 - Revive My Vote helps returning citizens gather information from the Virginia court system and apply for restoration of rights.
 - For more information, please visit: www.revivemyvote.com
- Norfolk Department of Human Services
 - NDHS has a new team member on board, Ms. Madonna Flores, former Senior probation officer with Norfolk Probation & Parole. Ms Flores will be serving as a Family Services Worker III in her new role.
 - Next Fatherhood Development Group begins on September 10th; For more information, please email: michael.paris@norfolk.gov
- St. Brides Correctional Center
 - Continuing to teach the Inside Out Dad fatherhood curriculum.

- The reentry sex-offender probation officer is now coming out to the facility.
- Indian Creek Correctional Center
 - Completed a successful job fair this past May
 - Just had a 2nd graduation of “Inside Out Dad” fatherhood curriculum.
- Greenville Correctional Center
 - Started offering the electronic GED.
- Sussex I & II Correctional Centers
 - Started a pre-cognitive community next to the existing cognitive community this past February.
- Norfolk Probation & Parole
 - Reentry Court
 - 25 current participants, 15 in the pre-release phase.
 - Next graduation is Wed, July 30th in Courtroom (2) at 2pm.
 - Continuing to offer Thinking for a Change
 - A Family Reunification meeting, in partnership with NDHS, will be held on July 29th at 6pm at 201 E Little Creek Rd. (Workforce Dev. Center).
- Wounded Warrior
 - Hired new staff and has Americorp volunteer “Navigator” positions open that are listed on their [website](#) for anyone interested in applying.
- Virginia Employment Commission
 - Veteran’s Job Fair 10-2 Next Wed at ODU
 - Focused more on case management; if agencies have veterans that they want to refer, email michael.bogoslawski@vec.virginia.gov
- Healing Place
 - Link to website
 - May be starting a pilot program in the future where persons who are incarcerated would stay at the Healing Place for the last 6 months of their sentence.
- STEP-UP Inc.
 - Reported that there is a statewide reentry conference coming up in Oct.
 - Working on “Ban the Box” for all state agencies.

- Hosting a restoration of rights workshop on Aug 16th at the Huntersville Rec Center @ 10am.
 - Attended a meeting at the White House to discuss “[My Brothers Keeper](#)” initiative.
- Tidewater Community College
 - The [Job Skills Training Program](#) is starting a new class on Sep 19th